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1. HEREWITH EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF PODGORNY'S PREPARED REMARKS ON OCCASION OF AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF ACCREDITATION JANUARY 18.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. AMBASSADOR, ACCEPTING YOUR LETTERS OF ACCREDITATION, I GREET YOU IN YOUR CAPACITY AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE USSR.

YOU COMMENCE YOUR DUTIES AS AMBASSADOR OF THE USA IN THE USSR IN THE BEGINNING OF 1977, WHICH IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE FOR OUR COUNTRY. IT IS A JUBILEE YEAR, SIGNIFYING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXISTENCE OF THE SOVIET STATE.

ENGAGED IN PEACEFUL, CREATIVE, WORK, THE SOVIET PEOPLE MEET THIS JUBILEE WITH NEW OUTSTANDING
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ACHIEVEMENTS IN FULFILLING THE PLANS OF FURTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRESS, INSURING THE STEADY GROWTH OF MATERIAL AND CULTURAL LEVEL OF THE LIFE OF OUR PEOPLE.

IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OUR GOAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO INSURE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE. HTE SOVIET UNION HAS INVARIABLY CARRIED OUT AND DOES CARRY

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OUTA POLICY DIRECTED TOWARD CONTIRMATION OF THE PRINCIPLES
OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES
WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF
EQUALITY AND NONINTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL
AFFAIRS.

WE ARE CONSISTENTLY GUIDED BY THIS PRINCIPLED
LINE--AGAIN CONFIRMED WITH FULL DETERMINATION BY THE
25TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU--IN OUR APPROACH TOWARD
RELATIONS WITH THE USA, PURSUING THE COURSE OF
THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MOST VARIED FIELDS.
SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION OF IMPROVEMENT
IN OUR RELATIONS HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.
AS A RESULT OF GREAT AND INTENSIVE WORK, IMPORTANT
AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS HAVE BEEN REACHED BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRIES, A GOOD POLITICAL AND LEGAL BASIS HAS
BEEN CREATED SO THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND
THE USA MIGHT PROCEED CONFIDENTLY ALONG THE PATH OF
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. THIS, OF COURSE, CANNOT BUT
CALL FORTH SATISFACTION.

THE MAJOR RESULT OF THE CHANGES WHICH HAVE
OCCURRED IS THAT TO A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE THERE HAS BEEN SUCCESS
IN REDUCING THE DANGER OF THE OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR,
AND IN TAKING THE FIRST STEPS ON THE PATH OF LIMITATION
OF THE ARMS RACE. AND THIS HAS A PARAMOUNT SIGNIFICANCE
FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS
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AS A RESULT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY
AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, THE PROCESS OF STRENGTHENING
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND PEACEFUL COOPERATION IN THIS
REGION ACQUIRED NEW FORCE. NOW THIS SUCCESS SHOULD BE
STRENGTHENED TO ACHIEVE THE FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE
REALIZATION OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, ADOPTED
AT THE CONFERENCE.

OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY
WIDENED, HAVE BECOME MORE VARIED AND HAVE BEEN FILLED
WITH REAL CONTENT. BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA
MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS BEING REALIZED; CULTURAL
TIES AND EXCHANGES IN OTHER FIELDS HAVE RECEIVED BROAD
DEVELOPMENT.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING, THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST
FEW YEARS HAS DEMONSTRATED CONVINCINGLY THAT BOTH SIDES

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BENEFIT FROM AN IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS,
AS DOES THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

IN OUR VIEW, THERE ARE OBJECTIVELY ALL
CONDITIONS AND PREREQUISITES TO MOVE FURTHER AHEAD ON THE BASIS OF
THE POSITIVE RESULTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.
THE NECESSITY FOR ADDITIONAL EFFORTS IN THIS
DIRECTION IS UNDERSCORED BY THE FACT THAT, IN THE
COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR, MOVEMENT IN SOLVING A
NUMBER OF IMPRPORTANT ISSUES OF INTEREST TO BOTH
OUR COUNTRIES, AND NOT ONLY TO THEM, HAS BEEN
IMPEDED -- AND IT IS NOT WE WHO ARE TO BLAME.

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THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF FURTHER
MEASURES FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE THREAT OF WAR
AND FOR ARMS LIMITATION DEMAND SPECIAL ATTZ
TION.
AT PRESENT THERE IS NO MORE URGENT TASK THAN
STOPPING THE ARMS RACE AND TAKING STEPS TOWARD
PRACTICAL DISARMAMENT. STRIVING TO REACH THIS
GOAL, THE SOVIET UNION HAS PUT FORWARD A BROAD
PROGRAM OF CONCRETE MEASURES IN THIS REGARD.
HERE MUCH CAN BE DONE BY THE MUTUAL EFFORTS OF
THE USSR AND USA; ABOVE ALLTHIS CONCERNS THE
SOONEST POSSIBLE COMPLETION OF WORK ON AN AGREE-
MENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE
ARMS ON THE BASIS OF THE UNDERSTANDING PRE-
VIOUSLY REACHED.

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THAT WHICH IS EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTERS OF ACCREDITATION, MR AMBASSADOR, AS WELL AS STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT-ELECT J. CARTER, WE INTERPRET AS A DESIRE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR COUNTRY TO DEVELOP MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA. I MAY SAY THAT THIS IS IN COMPLETE
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ACCORD WITH OUR INTENTIONS.

OUR POLICY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES, AS WAS RECENTLY NOTED BY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC CPSU L.I. BREZHNEV, IS CLEAR AND CONSISTENT. IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO UPS AND DOWNS (NE KON'-JUNKTURNA), AND IS PLANNED NOT FOR MONTHS, BUR FOR YEARS AND DECADES. WE STAND FOR THE DEVELOP-MENT OF TRULY STABLE, PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IN THE INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND THE GENERAL PEACE AND NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF ANY THIRD COUNTRIES.

SHARING THE HOPE THAT YOU, MR AMBASSADOR, HAVE EXPRESSED, THAT WE WILLBE ABLE TO MORE SUCCESSFULLY AHEAD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELTIONS ON THAT FOUNDATION WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN CREATED, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT IN YOUR ACTIVITY IN THIS DIRECTION YOU WILLFIND THE NECESSARY UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FROM THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSRAND THE SOVIET GOERNMENT. END TEXT

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